

A7 housing 1b may be provided with the locking projection 2. Further, two or more detection arms may be provided to improve the strength of engagement.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A connector, comprising:

a first housing, provided with a projection;

a second housing, provided with a retainer which is operable to engage the projection of the first housing;

A8 an engagement detector, held in the second housing and slidable between a first position and a second position; and

a lock canceller, which is operable to disengage the retainer from the projection only when the engagement detector is placed at the first position,

wherein:

the retainer prevents the engagement detector from sliding from the first to the second position except when the projection and the retainer are completely engaged with each other at a complete engagement position;

the engagement detector locks the retainer at the complete engagement position when the engagement detector is placed at the second position; and

A8 the retainer is still locked at the complete engagement position by the engagement detector in a case where the lock canceller is manipulated when the engagement detector is placed at the second position.

A9 6. (Amended) The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second housing further comprises a stopper which limits the range of movement of the lock canceller.

7. (Amended) The connector as set forth in claim 1, wherein the lock canceller comprises a stopper which limits the range of movement of the lock canceller.
